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Programme of meetings and agenda

Scheduled official meetings

Tuesday, 22 October 2002

Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 4630th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Strengthening cooperation between the United Nations system and the Central African region in the maintenance of peace and security

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia

3.30 p.m. . . . . 16th (closed) meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

General Assembly
Fifty-seventh session

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the strengthening of the United Nations

On Thursday, 24 October 2002, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, the President of the General Assembly will chair open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change" (document A/57/387). Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, will brief delegations and respond to questions. Delegations are invited to participate at the ambassadorial level.

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Security Council	An open meeting of the Security Council will be held on Friday, 25 October 2002, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the item entitled "Women and peace and security". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), as from *today*, 22 October 2002, between 9.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 18th meeting Conference Room 1

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 57, 58, 60-73):

Documents of the First Committee: *item 57* (A/57/263, A/57/263/Add.1); *item 58* (A/C.1/57/L.5); *item 60* (A/57/98-S/2002/705, A/C.1/57/L.47/Rev.1); *item 61* (A/57/166, A/57/166/Add.1, A/C.1/57/L.1); *item 62* (A/C.1/57/L.50); *item 65* (A/57/418, A/C.1/57/L.30); *item 66* (A/57/95, A/57/95/Add.1, A/57/95/Add.2, A/57/96, A/57/114, A/57/114/Add.1, A/57/114/Add.2, A/57/117, A/57/120, A/57/121, A/57/121/Add.1, A/57/121/Add.2, A/57/124, A/57/159, A/57/160, A/57/167, A/57/167/Add.1, A/57/209, A/57/210, A/57/221, A/57/221/Add.1, A/57/221/Corr.1, A/57/229, A/57/383, A/57/401, A/57/425, A/57/59, A/57/88-S/2002/672, A/57/92, A/C.1/57/L.2, A/C.1/57/L.3/Rev.1, A/C.1/57/L.7/Rev.1, A/C.1/57/L.7/Rev.2), A/C.1/57/L.8, A/C.1/57/L.9, A/C.1/57/L.10, A/C.1/57/L.12, A/C.1/57/L.14, A/C.1/57/L.17, A/C.1/57/L.18, A/C.1/57/L.21, A/C.1/57/L.23/Rev.1, A/C.1/57/L.24, A/C.1/57/L.25, A/C.1/57/L.26/Rev.1, A/C.1/57/L.32, A/C.1/57/L.33*, A/C.1/57/L.36, A/C.1/57/L.37, A/C.1/57/L.39, A/C.1/57/L.41, A/C.1/57/L.42, A/C.1/57/L.43, A/C.1/57/L.45, A/C.1/57/L.48, A/C.1/57/L.49/Rev.1, A/C.1/57/L.54); *item 67* (A/57/116, A/57/124, A/57/161, A/57/162, A/57/168, A/57/223, A/57/260, A/57/383, A/57/79-S/2002/551, A/C.1/57/L.11, A/C.1/57/L.15, A/C.1/57/L.16, A/C.1/57/L.20, A/C.1/57/L.29, A/C.1/57/L.35, A/C.1/57/L.38); *item 68* (A/57/27, A/57/42, A/57/302, A/57/335, A/57/342, A/C.1/57/L.6, A/C.1/57/L.13); *item 69* (A/57/454, A/C.1/57/L.27); *item 70* (A/57/181, A/C.1/57/L.46); *item 71* (A/57/91, A/C.1/57/L.31); *items 72* (A/C.1/57/L.22); A/C.1/57/1, A/C.1/57/2, A/C.1/57/3, A/C.1/57/4, A/C.1/57/INF/1

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 1

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (A/C.4/57/L.8) [78]

General debate

Second Committee

10 a.m.–12 noon — 16th meeting — Conference Room 2

Environment and sustainable development [87]

(b) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (A/57/189 and A/57/190)

(d) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (A/57/177)

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/57/220)

(f) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/57/131 and A/57/444)

Conclusion of the general discussion

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. — 13th meeting — Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [112]

Decentralized budgetary and financial arrangements for central services (A/57/348 and A/57/7/Add.3)

Cooperation between headquarters departments and regional commissions (A/57/361, E/2002/15 and E/2002/15/Add.1, E/2002/15/Add.2 and E/2002/15/Add.3 and E/2002/15/Add.3/Corr.1 and A/57/7/Add.3)

Delivery of advisory services (A/57/363 and A/57/7/Add.3)

Plan to increase the regular budget component of the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/57/362 and A/57/7/Add.3)

Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization (A/57/355 and A/57/7/Add.2)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [111]

Common services (A/57/176 and A/57/7/Add.3)

Conclusion of general discussion

3–6 p.m. — Informal (closed) consultations — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 111 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement reform (A/57/187 and A/57/7/Add.1, paras. 2-9))

Sixth Committee

10 a.m. — 18th meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fifth session [155]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.15

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives . . . . . [153]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.18

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts . . . . . [152]

Introduction and action on draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.17

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property (A/57/22) [154]

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [154]

[1] Following the adjournment of the 18th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council
2. Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency expenditures
3. Draft reports
4. Strengthening the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the Secretariat

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on agenda item 21 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 21, chaired by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) [All interested delegations are invited to attend.]

Open-ended informal consultations on agenda item 25 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 6

3–6 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 6

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 22 October 2002

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: on agenda items 86 (d))*

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Mason Group *(on First Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Non-aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Non-aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Southern Africa Development Community (SADC)
(on Second Committee matters)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Briefing on the financial implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.7 (Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Southern Africa Development Community (SADC)
(experts of the Third Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Group of 77 *(on the resumed session of the Economic and Social Council)*

1.30–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1.45–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(Third Committee: on racism)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Non-aligned Movement: Working Group on Disarmament

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Permanent Mission of Indonesia

Open-ended informal consultations, organized by the delegation of Uruguay, on the Third Committee draft resolution on the rights of the child (agenda item 105)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Open-ended informal meeting on the joint initiative of France and Switzerland in the area on tracing, marking and record keeping of illicit small arms and light weapons

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Round table co-sponsored by the Department for Disarmament Affairs and the NGO Committee on Disarmament

3–5.30 p.m. Conference Room C

Round table on "Reducing the risk of biological weapons", co-sponsored by the Department for Disarmament Affairs and the NGO Committee on Disarmament [H.E. Mr. Donald Mahley (United States), H.E. Mr. David Boucher (United Kingdom) and Prof. Matthew Meselson, Harvard/Sussex, will be the speakers. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Gary De Rosa, Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-3980; fax 1 (212) 963-1121; email DeRosa@un.org).]

2002 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament

3–5.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Tuesday, 22 October 2002

Room S-226

10.30 a.m. Mr. Dileep Nair, Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), and Mr. Kenzo Oshima, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

11.15 a.m. H.E. Mr. Djessan Philippe Djangone-Bi (Côte d'Ivoire) (on the situation in his country)

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 23 October 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 1

Third Committee

10 a.m.	23th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 4

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning[1]	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

[1] Following the adjournment of the 14th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on agenda item 25 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 25 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Friday, 25 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on agenda items 25 (b) and (c) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolutions on agenda item 25 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas/illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) and agenda item 25 (c) (Agreement for the implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday,

23 October 2002, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, and on Thursday, 24 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Second Committee

Briefing

There will be a briefing on the post-Doha process and other developments in the multilateral trading system, given by Ms. Manuela Tortora, Coordinator, Trade Negotiations and Commercial Diplomacy Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, on Thursday, 24 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The briefing is jointly organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

2002 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and 2002 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

The 2002 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Tuesday, 5 November 2002, in the morning, and the 2002 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held on Wednesday, 6 November 2002, also in the morning. Both Pledging Conferences will be held in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences, in writing, to Ms. Lydia Bawar (tel. 1 (212) 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open from Monday, 28 October, to Monday, 4 November. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for one or both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Ms. Lydia Bawar (tel. 1 (212) 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2002

The Economic and Social Council will hold its next meeting of its resumed substantive session of 2002 (to take up all outstanding matters) on Friday, 25 October 2002.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 *(briefing on the Doha Process)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(briefing on the Doha Process)* on Wednesday, 23 October 2002, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in *Conference Room 2.*

Meeting of the Planning and Management Task Force on the Democratic Republic of the Congo, convened by the Department of Disarmament Affairs

There will be a meeting of the Planning and Management Task Force on the Democratic Republic of the Congo, convened by the Department of Disarmament Affairs, on Wednesday, 23 October 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Group of 77 *(Third Committee: on Beijing+5)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Third Committee: on Beijing+5)* on Wednesday, 23 October 2002, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Group of 77 *(on the United Nations Environment Programme Governing Council report)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the United Nations Environment Programme Governing Council report)* on Wednesday, 23 October 2002, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Joint Meeting of the Economic Community of Central African States and the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa

There will be a joint meeting *(at the ministerial level)* of the Economic Community of Central African States and the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa on Wednesday, 23 October 2002, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Mason Group *(First Committee)*

There will be a meeting of the Mason Group *(First Committee)* on Thursday, 24 October 2002, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Briefing by the Executive Director of UNAIDS

There will be a joint briefing of the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly, on Friday, 25 October 2002, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4 featuring a briefing by Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS, followed by an interactive discussion.

In his briefing, Dr. Piot will update delegations on the forthcoming report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the twenty-sixth special session (HIV/AIDS) and the status of the HIV/AIDS epidemic worldwide. He will, in addition, share his views on the way forward in the global response to the epidemic.

The briefing is jointly convened by the Chairmen of the Second and Third Committees, in preparation for the consideration of item 42, which will take place on 8 November 2002 in plenary session.

UNITAR workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the International Trade Series. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from Tuesday, 29 October to Friday, 1 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Thursday, 24 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on Monday, 4 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., on Tuesday, 5 November, from 3 to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 6 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

UNITAR Seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly organizing a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties.

The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Tuesday and Wednesday, 12 and 13 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York.

The invitation to attend the seminar is extended not only to members of permanent missions, but also to members of the relevant ministries from capitals. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 5 November 2002. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963 9684 or 963-9196).

UNITAR workshop series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 15 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as

well as NGO representatives are welcome to attend. This seminar is part of the UNITAR series, launched under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 2 October 2002, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-seventh session

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A.)

Summary of meetings

Friday, 18 October 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Main Committees

Sixth Committee

17th meeting

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives . . . . . [153]

The representative of Finland made a statement and introduced draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.18. It was announced that Surinam had joined as sponsor of the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fifth session . . . . . [155]

The Committee adopted draft resolutions A/C.6/57/L.12 and A/C.6/57/L.13 without a vote.

The Chairman of the Committee announced that Djibouti and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia would join the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.12.

The representative of Mexico made a statement in explanation of position before the adoption of draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.14.

The Committee also adopted draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.14 without a vote.

International Convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings . . . [162]

Statements were made by the representatives of Thailand, the Netherlands, Sierra Leone, Italy, Argentina, Kenya, Singapore, Ethiopia, Panama, Bulgaria and Fiji.

The representative of UNESCO made a statement.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism . . . . . [160]

The Chairman of the Working Group established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 56/88 of 12 December 2001 introduced the report of the Working Group.

Monday, 21 October 2002

Security Council

429th meeting

Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (S/2002/925, S/2002/926 and S/2002/927)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The delegations of Ireland and Mexico were selected, by the drawing of lots by the President, to serve as tellers

On the first ballot, Mr. Abdul Koroma, Mr. Hisashi Owada, Mr. Shi Jiuyong, Mr. Bruno Simma and Mr. Peter Tomka received the required absolute majority of votes in the Security Council.

The President of the Council read out the text of a letter he had received from the President of the General Assembly, communicating the result of the voting held at the 35th plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

Having received the required absolute majority of votes both in the Security Council and in the General Assembly, Mr. Abdul Koroma, Mr. Hisashi Owada, Mr. Shi Jiuyong, Mr. Bruno Simma and Mr. Peter Tomka were elected as members of the International Court of Justice for a term of office beginning on 6 February 2003.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

35th plenary meeting

Election of five members of the International Court of Justice . . . . . [15 (c)]

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/57/305)

(b) List of candidates (A/57/306)

(c) Curricula vitae (A/57/307)

The representative of Zimbabwe made a statement in the course of which he informed the General Assembly that Mr. Walter Kamba and Mr. Arthur Manase no longer wished to be considered as candidates.

In the first ballot Mr. Abdul Koroma (Sierra Leone), Mr. Hisashi Owada (Japan), Mr. Shi Jiuyong (China), Mr. Bruno Simma (Germany) and Mr. Peter Tomka (Slovakia) obtained an absolute majority of votes.

The representative of the Secretariat read out a letter that the President of the General Assembly had received from the President of the Security Council communicating the results of the voting held at the 4629th meeting of the Security Council.

Having obtained the required absolute majority of votes in both the General Assembly and the Security Council, Mr. Abdul Koroma (Sierra Leone), Mr. Hisashi Owada (Japan), Mr. Shi Jiuyong (China), Mr. Bruno Simma (Germany) and Mr. Peter Tomka (Slovakia) were elected members of the International Court of Justice for a term of office of nine years beginning on 6 February 2003.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 15.

Programme of work

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to document A/INF/57/3/Rev.1, which contained a revised programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings for the main part of the fifty-seventh session. The President also informed the Assembly that the lists of speakers for items mentioned in document A/INF/57/3/Rev.1 were open.

Main Committees

First Committee

17th meeting

The Committee began its third stage of work, namely Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 57, 58 and 60-73).

The representatives of Malta and Cuba made statements. Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.4/Rev.1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 125 to 1, with 4 abstentions. In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Colombia, Israel, Pakistan, the United States, Egypt, Jordan. Statements were made by the representatives of Burkina Faso, El Salvador, Guyana, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Paraguay, Lesotho, Eritrea,Yemen, Honduras, Angola, Solomon Islands, Cape Verde, Georgia, Burundi and Saudi Arabia. Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.19 was adopted by a recorded vote of 111 to 7, with 37 abstentions. In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Germany and France (who spoke on behalf of United Kingdom and United States).

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.28 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.34 was adopted as follows: the last 3 words in operative paragraph 3 were adopted by a recorded vote of 141 to 2, with 8 abstentions; operative paragraph 3 as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 145 to 1, with 8 abstentions; the draft resolution as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 148 to 3, with 4 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Spain, Pakistan, India and the United States (who spoke on behalf of France and United Kingdom).

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.40 was adopted by a recorded vote of 98 to none, with 54 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea and Côte d'Ivoire.

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.44 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.51 was adopted by a recorded vote of 98 to 45,with 9 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, a statement was made by the representative of China.

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.52 was adopted by a recorded vote of 96 to 45, with 15 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.53 was adopted by a recorded vote as follows: operative paragraph 1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 146 to 5, with 5 abstentions, the draft resolution as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 106 to 30, with 22 abstentions.

In explanation of vote, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Belgium and El Salvador.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

13th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [78]

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Canada, Jordan (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Algeria, China, Japan, Yemen, Lebanon, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Rio Group), Egypt, the United States, Peru, Ukraine, the Republic of Korea, Denmark (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia - the Associated countries, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), Georgia, Belarus, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Russian Federation and Mexico.

Second Committee

14th meeting

Environment and sustainable development . . . . . [87]

(b) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

(d) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity

(f) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The Committee began its general consideration of the sub-items and heard introductory statements by the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the United Nations

Convention to Combat Desertification (under sub-item (d)), the Director of the Secretariat for the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (under sub-item (b)), the Principal Officer of the Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity (under sub-item (e)), and the Chief of the Water, Natural resources and Small Island States Branch of the Division for Sustainable Development (under sub-item (f)).

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Land-locked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States also made a statement, under sub-item (f).

Statements were made by the representatives of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Denmark (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta), Costa Rica (on behalf of the Rio Group), the Russian Federation, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico (on behalf of the Like-Minded Mega-Diverse countries), Ecuador, Switzerland, Egypt, Benin, New Zealand and Namibia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community).

15th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-items (b), (d), (e) and (f) of agenda item 87 and heard statements by Australia, Guatemala, India, Burkina Faso, the Congo, Belize (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Indonesia, the Dominican Republic, Brazil, South Africa, Israel, Myanmar, Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), the United States, Tunisia, Ethiopia, Algeria and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Labour Organization and the World Meteorological Organization.

Third Committee

23rd meeting

Advancement of women . . . . . [102]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.18

The representative of Suriname introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Programme of activities of the International Decade of theWorld's Indigenous People [106]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Brazil, Guatemala, Belize (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), China, Peru, the Russian Federation, Japan, Suriname, Australia and Venezuela.

A statement was also made by the representative of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that it would meet again on Wednesday, 23 October, to consider agenda items 107 and 108; in the afternoon, the Committee would hear the introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/57/L.23, A/C.3/57/L.24 and

A/C.3/57/L.25, under agenda item 105, followed by the continuation of the general discussion of agenda items 107 and 108.

Upon proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed to extend the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 106 to Wednesday, 23 October, at 6 p.m.

Fifth Committee

12th meeting

Pattern of conferences . . . . . [116]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, Mr. Andrius Namavicius, introduced the report of the Committee on Conferences (A/57/32 and A/57/32/Corr.1).

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Management introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/228, A/57/289 and A/56/901).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/57/472).

The Committee began its general discussion on the afore-mentioned reports and heard statements by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), the United States and Mexico.

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations . . . . . [114]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman made a statement regarding the procedure to be followed during the consideration of the item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management made a statement on the current financial situation of the United Nations

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 . . . . . [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Decentralized budgetary and financial arrangements for central services (A/57/348)

Cooperation between headquarters departments and regional commissions (A/57/361, E/2002/15 and E/2002/15/Add.1, E/2002/15/Add.2 and E/2002/15/Add.13 and E/2002/15/Add.3/Corr.1)

Delivery of advisory services (A/57/363)

Plan to increase the regular budget component of the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/57/362)

Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization (A/57/355)

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [111]

Common services (A/57/176)

The Director of the Office of Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/348, A/57/361, A/57/363, A/57/362 and A/57/355) under agenda item 112.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services introduced the report of the Secretary-General on common services (A/57/176) under agenda item 111.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/57/7/Add.2 and A/57/7/Add.3) (under agenda item 112) and A/57/7/Add.3 (under agenda item 111).

The Committee began its general discussion of the afore-mentioned reports and heard statements by the representatives of Kenya, Denmark (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey, Iceland and Liechtenstein), Uruguay, Chile, the Syrian Arab Republic, Mali, China and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Trusteeship Council

Sixty-third session

1708th meeting

Opening of the session

The sixty-third session of the Council was declared open.

Adoption of the agenda . . . . . [1]

The Council adopted the provisional agenda contained in document T/1988.

Election of the President and Vice-President . . . . . [2]

The Council elected, by acclamation, Mr. Adam Thomson (United Kingdom) as President and Mr. Michel Duclos (France) as Vice-President of the Council.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Portugal (18 October 2002) [1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Australia (21 October 2002)

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Accession: Latvia (21 October 2002)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Women's International Forum

The Women's International Forum will meet *today*, 22 October 2002, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Mia Farrow, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, will speak on the theme "Angola – New Peace and Ongoing Humanitarian Crisis".

DPI/NGO Briefing

The topic of this week's DPI/NGO Briefing is "The Disarmament Agenda: Pressing Issues" The briefing will be held on Thursday, 24 October 2002, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. A thematically relevant video will be screened at 10 a.m. The briefing will feature Mr. Kevin Dowling, Head, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Section, Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland; Ms. Randall Forsberg, Director, Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies; Mr. Joseph Sherwood McGinnis, Deputy Permanent Representative of United States to the Conference on Disarmament; and Mr. Randy Rydell, Senior Political Affairs Officer, Department of Disarmament Affairs. This briefing is organized by the Department of Public Information in cooperation with the NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Launch of the 2002 Edition of the Small Arms Survey Yearbook

There will be a launch of the French and English editions of the *2002 Small Arms Survey Yearbook*, co-sponsored by the Department for Disarmament Affairs and the Small Arms Survey project, on Thursday 24 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala; H.E. Mr. Hubert de la Fortelle (France); H.E. Mr. Christian Faessler (Switzerland); Prof. Keith Krause and Prof. Edward Lawrence will be the speakers. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Herbert Loret, Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-0049; fax.1 (212) 963-1121; email loret@un.org).

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2002 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Egypt
H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit

Asian States:

Iraq
H.E. Mr. Mohammed A. Aldouri

Eastern European States:
Yugoslavia
H.E. Mr. Dejan Šahović

Latin American and Caribbean States:
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H.E. Mr. Philip Sealy

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H.E. Mr. Jeremy Greenstock

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